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In response to the Office Communication of February 4,  
2003 and further to the Amendment and Response of January  
15, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 10 and 14, as originally  
filed, with the following claims having the same  
numbering:

C! 10. (amended) The method of claim 9 wherein said at  
least one antibody coated on said solid phase is a  
monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of  
107-35-54, 110-81-17, 13-975-157, 14-1350-210, C11-3,  
C11-7, C11-10 and C11-14.

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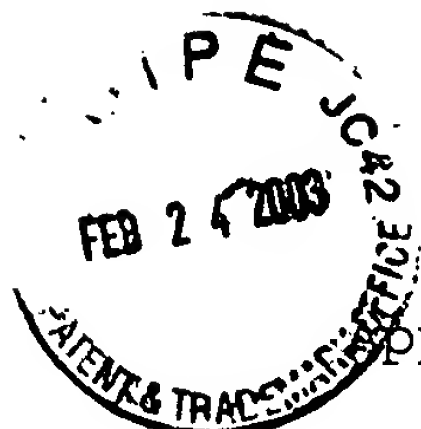


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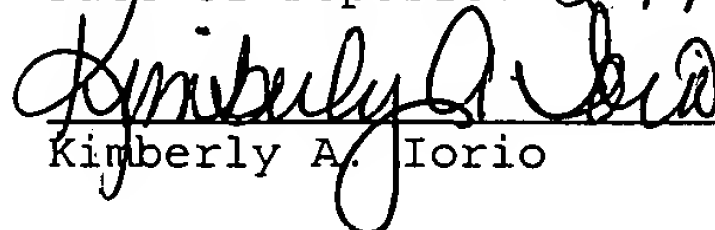
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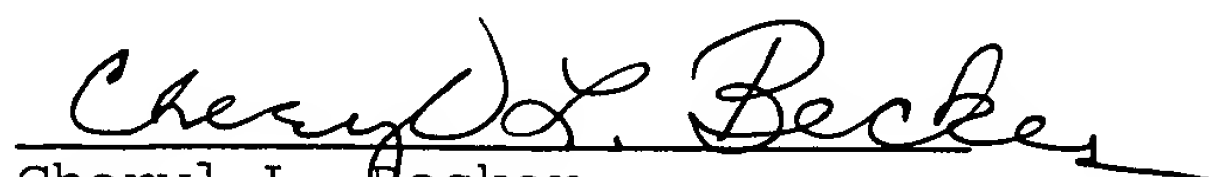
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